THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICAITONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The Bangalore unit of ITI Ltd. is incurring losses for the last two years.

(b) Until a few years ago ITI was enjoying almost a monopoly status for supplying equipments to DOT. With the advent of New Industrial Policy and Liberalisation ITI started facing keen competition from other manufacturers and suppliers and thus ITI's position for earning profit was affected.

With a view to utilise infrastructure of the various units of ITI optimally, apart from upgradation of technologies, improving quality to international standards, adopting various cost reduction measures and laying stress on diversifying ITI's products and customers, the Ministry has taken a policy decision under which 30 to 35% of total DOT orders are kept reserved for ITI and HTL, taken together, for those items which they manufacture.

However, adoption of suitable steps for improving the overall efficiency and productivity of ITI Ltd. is a continuing process.

(c) and (d) The employees and officers' associations vide their memoranda dated 4th May, 1995 have mainly demanded that the Government should take necessary action to modify Government policies, National Telecom Policy and related guidelines by way of (i) removing shortage of orders for utilising the capacities of ITI, (ii) permitting ITI to enter basic telecom services and (iii) providing level playing field so as to enable the company to compete with private sector/MNCs.

As stated above Deptt. of Telecom., with a view to utilise the infrastructure of its own PSEs viz. ITI Ltd. and HTL Ltd. optimally, is following a policy under which 30 to 35% DOT orders are kept reserved for these two PSEs. taken together, for those items which they manufacture.

It has been decided to preclude the public sector companies including ITI from participation in providing basic services as these undertakings have been established by the Government for specific purposes and have sufficient potential for growth in their respective areas. In the context of a buoyant economy on the one had and scarcity of resources on the other hand the public sector undertakings require to pay undivided attention to their respective areas of business at this stage.

As regards providing a level playing field, the Government as a part of an ongoing process, has been taking steps from time to time to ensure that the public sector enterprises including ITI are able to compete effectively with the private sector.

Sub-standard supply of petrol/diesel

1123. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints, State-wise, regarding sub-standard supply of petrol/diesel and less measurement during the last two years;

(b) the action taken by Government in this connection;

(c) whether these malpractices are continuing in connivance with concerned authorities; and

(d) if so, what remedial steps have been taken or proposed to be taken to check these malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The State-wise number of complaints regarding substandard supply of petrol/diesel (adulteration) and less measurements (short delivery)

received by the Oil Companies during the last two years is given in the Statement *(See below)*.

(b) In proven cases of adulteration, action was taken under the Marketing Discipline guidelines. In cases of short delivery, sales and supplies were suspended and were resumed after the recalibration of the dispensing pumps by the Weights and Measures Department.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In order to check these malpractices/irregularities, the Oil Industry has evolved the Marketing Discipline Guidelines with the approval of the Government, under which regular/ surprise inspections are carried out by the officers of the Oil Company, joint industry teams and mobile laboratories. Density checks under the MS/HSD Control Order and furfural doping of kerosene are done to check adulteration of MS/diesel. Inspections are also conducted by officials of State Government enforcement agencies.

The Marketing Discipline Guidelines have been revised recently and made more stringent. Action such as issue of warning, suspension of sales and supplies, imposition of fines and termination of the dealership/distributorship, is taken under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines, in proven cases of malpractices/ irregularities.

Statement

State-wise number of complaints regarding adulteration and short delivery of petrol/Diesel received by Oil Companies duirng 1993-94 and 1994-95.

State/U.T.	Adulteration	Short delivery
Delhi	2	28
Rajasthan	2	3
Tamil Nadu	10	5
Maharashra	15	3
Punjab	10	2
Uttar Pradesh	8	4
Bihar	—	1
Gujarat	2	2
Haryana	3	4
Karnataka	4	2
Andhra Pradesh	3	2
Kerala	3	—
Madhya Pradesh	1	2
Orissa	—	1
West Bengal	—	1

भारत और अन्य राष्ट्रों के बीच किये गये सांस्कृतिक समझौते

1124. **श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम:** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान भरत और अन्य राष्ट्रों के बीच किये गये सांस्कृतिक समझौतों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या ऐसे समझौतों के बावजूद उन देशों की सरकारें भारतीय सांस्कृतिक प्रतिनिधिमंडल को अनुमति नहीं प्रदान कर रही है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उन देशों की सरकारों को उनके इस तरह के व्यवहार से अवगत करा दिया है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उस पर उनकी क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(ङ) क्या सरकार भविष्य में ऐसे समझौतों पर हस्ताक्षर करने से पहले उनकी शर्तों को लागू करने के लिए सभी पहलुओं को स्पष्ट करने के लिए कोई प्रयास करेगी?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सलमान खुर्शीद): (क) वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान बैलीज और लाओस के साथ दो सांस्कृतिक करार सम्पन्न किए गए। इन सांस्कृतिक करारों में शैक्षिक कार्यकलाप सहित कला, संस्कृति, शिक्षा जैसे महत्वपूर्ण विषयों और खेलकूद तथा युवा मामलों, पत्रकारिता, रेडियो, दूरदर्शन तथा चलचित्र के क्षेत्रों में परस्पर क्रियाकलाप को शामिल किया गया है।

(ख) जी नहीं।

(ग) से (ङ) लागू नहीं होता।